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No SURPRISE will be felt at the fact that the report of Germany's promise to Russia of active support in the Far East is doubted. The rumour may be surmised to have had its origin in St. Petersburg. It is a couple of weeks now since it was intimated in telegrams from Europe that the German Press was looking coldly on suggestions that such an agreement would be the outcome of the meeting of Kaiser and Tsar, and although the tale has been revived several times since it has never been traced to any trustworthy source. It has been semi-officially stated on many occasions that Germany has no interests in Manchuria, and is averse to taking any steps which would be likely to compromise her in the wrangling over the province. In accordance with the German interpretation of the Anglo-German agreement respecting the integrity of China, "this is a logical attitude, and what inducement Germany could have to depart from it to such an extent as to bring in sight the possibility of Germany having to go to war to support Russia, it would be indeed difficult to imagine. Particularly at this time it might be thought that the statesmen of Berlin would be unwilling to embark on a line of policy distinctly threatening to Great Britain. The overtures of late, made by Germany to Britain, have every appearance of sincerity. The latest of these which we have seen is one from the pen of Professor THEODORE MOMMSEN, the celebrated historian, jurist, and politician, who died since writing the article which appears over his name in the first number of the new *Independent Review*, to be the most important of all.

The English mail of the 19th October was delivered in London on the 7th inst.

Mr. C. RIVETT CARMAN, Financial Advisor to Siam was taken as far as Singapore on his way to Siam by the P. & O. s.s. *Chusan*.

Mr. W. R. D. BECKETT has been gazetted as H.B.M. Consul for Bangkok and all Siam not included in the consular districts of Chiangmai and Kedah.

The Russian military authorities have recently bought as much as 50,000 acres (\$333 acres) of land near Moukden for the purpose of building barracks thereon.

The following appointment has been announced at the Admiralty:— Assistant Paymaster, B. W. G. Cook, to the *Rambler*, temporary, as acting paymaster, to date October 2.

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Captain H. J. Crocker, R.M.L.I., who has been serving on the battleship *Ocean*, is transferred to the battleship *Glory*, for duty as intelligence officer on the China Station, in succession to Captain P. Moloy, R.M.L.I., whose term of appointment expired on October 31st.

After being banished for many years to rural villages, the oil lamp for street-lighting purposes is now taking its revenge by invading such fashionable places in London as Whitehall, Place and Piccadilly. The vast improvement in oil lighting which makes this possible has been brought about, says the *Sanitary Record*, through the utilization of the incandescent mantle and the vaporising of the oil by means of a simple mechanism forming part of the lamp. The invention is American. The illumination exceeds that given by the ordinary electric lamp. Here is an idea for Hongkong.

Three cruisers for which the Admiralty invited tenders have been placed as follows:— One with the Fairfield Company, Glasgow; one with Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Newcastle; and one with Vickers, Sons, and Maxim, Barrow. The cruisers will combine in their construction the armoured protection of second class cruisers and the armament of a battleship, and the speed of a first class cruiser. They will be the most formidable yet constructed. Their length will be 480ft. with a displacement of 13,020 tons, while their engines will show 24,000 indicated horse-power, giving a speed of 22 1/2 knots per hour.

It is reported from home that the Headmaster of the Leys School at Cambridge, who has been acting for the Committee of the English School at Shanghai, which is composed of both foreigner and Chinese, has appointed as first headmaster Mr. W. Sheldon Ridge, B.A. A European first assistant is likewise to be sent out, and it is expected that the school will commence work in February next. The school is fitted for over 400 boys, and has been built at a cost of £5,000. The Municipal Council has contributed a site of two acres in the northern district of the settlement. The building will be fully equipped, lighted with electric light, and the latest improvements of all descriptions.

Nor is the attitude of Germany to the new English Imperialism in any way a hostile one. From a large point of view, every increase of the weight which England asserts in the politics of the world is certainly no disadvantage for the future of Germany. If England, by drawing closer the unity of her Empire, succeeds in warding off the dangers which the last war in particular has disclosed, that will no more injure our vital interests than English interests were injured by the conversion of the German Zollverein into the German Empire. We may hold fast to the hope that, in the fearful crisis which our civilisation will probably have to meet, England and Germany will stand together as they did once, when, at La "Belle Alliance," they united to put a term to the preponderance of France."

A French comment on the above, found in the *Paris Temps*, is amusing. The writer says:—"After annexing the English language and William Shakespeare, Professor Mommsen concludes by offering with one hand an olive branch to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and by pointing with the other towards Waterloo and the French frontier." Yet the majority of thoughtful Britons must hope that Mommsen's wish, which he utters in the last sentence of his article, and which is therefore his last word to us, may not be incapable of realisation. "Still, I hold the creed," he said, "that German and Englishman are destined to go forward hand in hand." This appeal seems to have been read with mixed feelings in Germany, many holding with the *Berlin Post* that it unfairly blames Germany for Anglo-German coolness, and that its publication is only to be regretted by all true Germans. The French journal *Le Matin*, on the other hand, looks on the article as a patriotic appeal addressed to the English, entreating them to forget the wounds inflicted on their *amis prope* by Germany during the South African war. "This new *entente cordiale* seems to have for its openly avowed object to counteract the effect of the recent Anglo-French demonstrations," says the *Matin*. Possibly this is the juster view, or rather Professor Mommsen probably wrote with a double object. In any case, his last word deserves to be read and thought over. It is not without a certain pathos, now that the illustrious writer is dead.

At a meeting of the Straits Settlements Association held on the 30th September, in the offices of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company in London, Mr. Wm. Adamson, C.M.G., presiding, it was decided that the next Straits dinner should be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on the 2nd December. It was unanimously agreed that the guest of the evening should be the Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Frank Swettenham, and that a telegram inviting him should be despatched to Singapore. The following were appointed the committee to carry out the necessary arrangements for the dinner: Messrs. Wm. Adamson, C.M.G., L. Fraser, Graham Paterson, J. Henderson, S. L. Carr, and L. Huttonbach. The chairman of the evening at the dinner will be Mr. W. G. Galland.

The *Law Times* points out that some of the comments of the English Press as to the light sentence passed on Madam Humbert for her swindling career betray a very imperfect appreciation of its nature. Five years' reclusion or solitary confinement, as it is understood in France, is not only a vigorous, but a terrible penalty. The English code offers no parallel to it, and it is probable that a life sentence of penal servitude in England would be far more easily endured. The solitude of the prisoner *en reclusion* is all but absolute. The strictest silence is enforced. Presumably the consolations of religion, whatever they may amount to in so dreadful a situation, are not entirely withheld: otherwise the prisoner is forbidden to speak even to his guardians. Books and writing material are denied to the prisoner undergoing this terrible penalty, and—this must be almost the worst infliction of all—the most complete idleness is enforced. No employment of any description may mitigate the appalling vacuity of days, weeks, and years. Half an hour's exercise is allowed daily in a hood which covers everything except the eyes.

RECLAMATION WORK AT KOWLOON.

That big slice of harbour lying east of the Kowloon wharves recently cut off by a sea-wall constructed by the Hongkong Land Reclamation Company, Limited, is rapidly being filled in. The railway with its small steam-engine and ballast trucks is worked hard bringing earth from the hills behind the Hung Hom slaughterhouse, and also from the mound upon which the Kowloon signal-station stands. As a new Government road is being cut beneath the signal-station, the work of the Reclamation Company has the threefold effect of reclaiming land, making a new road, and levelling ground in Hung Hom. A portion of the reclamation is expected to be finished in February and the remainder about a year later. The property belongs to the Hongkong Land Reclamation Company, Limited, and very valuable property it will be.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FATAL SINGAPORE ACCIDENT.

SINGAPORE, 10th November, 1:15 p.m.

DEATH OF A CONSUL.

The Turkish Consul here, Attouala Bay, jumped from a runaway gharry, returning from the ceremony at Government House last night, and was killed.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

UNITED STATES AND PANAMA.

LONDON, 7th November.

Mr. John Hay (U.S. Secretary of State) has issued a statement defending the United States recognition of the independence of Panama as most strictly in accordance with justice and equity, and the only course possible in view of the fact that the right of control of the Isthmian transit was conferred by the treaty of New Granada in 1846 and had now become of transcendent importance to the United States through the acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines. It was the failure of Colombia to ratify the Canal Treaty that caused the revolt of Panama. President Roosevelt's course was thus clear, *viz.*, to prevent encounters calculated to impede the transit of the Isthmus and to recognise the established Government. President Roosevelt consequently advised a peaceful settlement and had notified the world that the United States would no longer allow bickering in Panama.

INDISPOSITION OF THE KAISER.

LONDON, 8th November.

The Kaiser has been successfully operated upon for polypus in the larynx; the polypus has been removed. The medical report emphasises the fact that the nature of the polypus is non-cancerous. The morning bulletin stated that the Kaiser had passed a satisfactory night, with temperature almost normal.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 8th November.

The report that Germany has promised Russia her active support in the Far East is doubted; it is believed that the main outcome of the conference between the Tsar and the Kaiser was the promise of German support to the Austro-Russian reform scheme for Macedonia.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play the Royal Engineers. Kick-off at half-past four. The following will play for the Club:

F. H. Kew, goal; H. C. Austen and E. F. Autott, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and J. M. F. Prester, halves; W. H. Williams, C. M. G., L. Fraser, Graham Paterson, J. H. A. Brent, C. R. S. Cooper, J. D. Fauly, and C. Humphreys, forwards.

DISCOVERY OF A DANGEROUS SHOAL.

Commander Vaughan Lewis, H.M.S. *Furious*, reports having personally surveyed and sounded a dangerous shoal at the eastern entrance to Singapore Main Strait South Channel. The shoal consists of coral and lies in 1 degree 16' 7" N. North latitude and 104 degrees 25' E. East longitude. It is 50 yards long in a N. N. W. direction and 30 yards broad. Least depth obtained was 3 fathoms low water springs with other pinnacles heads of four and five fathoms having eight to eleven fathoms amongst them. Close around and surrounding the shoal are irregular depths of twelve, fifteen and twenty fathoms. The shoal is known as Carter shoal.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. MCGREGOR.

At the Happy Valley yesterday evening the funeral took place of Mr. W. McGregor, overseer in the Public Works Department, whose sad death as the result of a shooting accident in the New Territory has been already reported. A large number of friends of the deceased followed his remains to the grave and the coffin was carried from the hearse into the cemetery by six of his colleagues on the P.W.D. staff, namely Messrs. J. Coyle, E. Doughty, L. A. Wheel, G. W. Kynoch, J. H. Barrington, and Cole. There were present the Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works, Mr. P. H. Jones, Assistant D.P.W.; Chief Inspector H. G. Baker, Inspector W. L. Ford and W. G. Warnecke, Sergeant Lee, Sergeant Hill, Sergeant Clark and many other members of the Police Force; Inspector A. Lawrence of the Naval Yard Police; Mr. W. M. Deas of the Kowloon Docks and many Masonic brethren. Rev. C. H. Hickling of the Union Church conducted the funeral service, and delivered a most impressive address. After the last honours had been paid to the dead, Rev. Mr. Hickling shook hands with Sergeant Lee and expressed every sympathy with him in his sorrow for unwittingly being the cause of his friend's death. The grave was covered with wreaths.

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BOWLING.

CLUB GERMANY V. CANTON.

The German Club on Monday took over a team of four bowlers to Canton and played a match on the Shemeen against the Canton Club. The game was very exciting, as the home team led on the first two alleys, but some excellent bowling by the Germans at the end, coupled with a break down on the Canton side, gave the visitors from Hongkong a victory by 100 points. The Canton men intend to pay Hongkong a visit after the 12th prox. (when the Germans and the Hongkong Club meet) and play a return match. The scores were:—

CLUB GERMANY	CANTON
J. Wahlen	735
J. Wacker	722
A. Kombach	688
A. Thiemann	636
O. Becker	788
C. Alters	701
P. Schaudens	646
E. Hug	599
	2731

It is proposed to make the match a regular institution and have a challenge shield.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The following cards were returned for this competition from the 7th November to 9th November:—

Mr. J. Douglas	83	12	71
Capt. Radford	86	15	71
Mr. H. W. Slade	93	13	75
Mr. K. McR. Ross	90	14	76
Mr. A. C. Butt	95	18	77
Mr. W. J. Saunders	94	15	79
Mr. E. J. Griswold	84	3	81
Mr. E. V. D. Parr	96	15	81
Mr. A. J. Williams	96	15	81
Mr. C. E. H. Peavis	82	8	82
Mr. N. J. Stabb	87	14	83
Mr. J. Rodgers	101	16	85
Dr. Drew	99	10	89

pool.

There were 29 entries for the Pool, with the following result:—

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ing of the house he met defendant and told him he had to pay half the cost of the party wall, but defendant said plaintiff would have to pay for the whole length. Later on the wall was blown down by a typhoon and defendant then agreed to pay half.

Wong Lai Shan stated that in the beginning of August, after the wall had been blown down, defendant agreed with him to pay half the cost of rebuilding.

Cross-examined.—In the work of rebuilding he recognised that he was dealing with the contracting firm of Sing Kee, but Fung Yung was the only man of the firm who was present to the work.

Mr. d'Almada in the case for defendant said there had been no agreement entered into between the parties. Fung Yung came to the defendant and asked to get the contract for the work of rebuilding his part of the wall. The price agreed upon was \$800. When the work had been completed his client paid the money to the two partners of the Sing Kee firm, Li Chan and Li Chau Lap.

Wong Choi Lam, the defendant, said he did not know the plaintiff, and had never agreed with him to pay half the cost of rebuilding this wall. The wall of his house No. 69 was never blown down. Fung Yung was master of the Sing Kee firm; he bargained with him to do his share of the rebuilding of the wall for \$800. The money was paid into another firm on behalf of the Sing Kee firm, as the Sing Kee was closed at the end of the year. Li Chan and Li Chau Lap of the Sing Kee were present when this took place.

After hearing further evidence of a somewhat conflicting nature, His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. The Court adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 10th November.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH
(POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THE WILD DELI MURDER.

Chun Shing was charged on remand with being implicated in the murder of a Chinaman at Wild Deli on 10th May.

Frank Brown, Government Analyst, deposed that on 13th May he received a knife-blade and hambo which he examined. He found blood on the blade. The tests showed that the blood was probably not more than a fortnight old. He could not say what kind of blood it was. He also produced a piece of paper, in which the blade and handle were sent to him; there were no marks on them.

Yip Sin, watchman at the Government store at Wan Chai about the gas-works, stated that on the evening of the day in question about 8.30 he heard a woman's voice crying "Save life."

The sounds came from the main road above the gas-works. He walked up by a small pathway, and discovered a woman lying there and spoke to her, but she did not answer. She said something about her husband. Then an European, Mr. White, arrived, and on being told to go down for the amanuensis witness did so.

Mr. Henry J. B. White, overseer of cemeteries, and rector of St. John's Cathedral, said he lived at Wild Deli near the gas-works at East Point. He deposed that on the date in question about 8.30 p.m. he was on the verandah reading when he heard a noise of quarrelling from the road at the back of his house. Then he heard piercing screams. He at once got up and ran as quickly as he could on to the road and saw a Chinaman lying down just at the end of the path that he went up. He saw no one else near. He attended to the woman and found she was dangerously wounded and in a state of collapse. Yip Sin, Government watchman, was there just before he arrived. He then sent the watchman to No. 2 police station. An ambulance was got and she was taken to the station and handed over to Sergeant McDonald.

Sergeant Macdonald stated in evidence that at 8.50 p.m. on the 10th he was on duty at No. 2 Police station, Wan Chai. It was reported to him that Mr. White wanted an ambulance for a Chinaman. He ordered the ambulance to be sent. It brought back a Chinaman whom he found to be suffering from stab-wounds on the abdomen, left breast, left arm and left forearm. She was unable to speak. He sent the woman to hospital. Then he forwarded information to Nos. 1 and 3 police stations to send out all available constables to keep a look-out. He afterwards visited the scene of the affair along with Mr. White but found nothing. Inspector Collett returned to the station at 9.50 a.m. and witness accompanied him to the place where the body had been discovered. Witness found a knife-blade about 19 yards from where there were traces of blood on the ground; 8 feet 6 inches farther away he found the knife-handle and still farther a piece of paper which had been used as a sheath. These he handed over to the Government Analyst on the 13th. On the 11th at the Government Civil Hospital he saw the dead body of the woman and was present when it was photographed.

P. C. Brown gave evidence about accompanying the injured woman to the hospital.

Dr. E. A. R. Lang described the wounds from which the woman was suffering when she was admitted to hospital and stated that death was due to shock and hemorrhage.

The case was adjourned till next Monday.

PICKING A SAILOR'S POCKET.

Cheng Tu, a billiard-boy, employed at the Soldiers' Club, appeared before His Worship yesterday on the charge of picking the pocket of Samuel William Bell, a stoker on board H.M.S. *Blackwood*, on Sunday evening in the club rooms.

The case for the prosecution was as follows:—

On Sunday evening, about 7 p.m., the complainant left his vessel, and, coming ashore,

SHIPPING NOTES.

Mr. Chi Wo's s.s. *Swift*, recent sailing from Hongkong, has been sold to another Chinese gentleman and is now under the French flag. She was sold in Hongkong and went to Kwantchuan under no flag, not having cleared at the Harbour office. On her return she was flying the tricolour.

The s.s. *Rajahabu* arrived here from Hongkong on Monday afternoon with 250 tons of timber and 1,650 tons of general cargo consigned to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. They had also a mail for Hongkong and 22 deck passengers.

Three thousand tons of sugar consigned to Messrs. Jebson & Co. arrived here yesterday from Samarang per the s.s. *Marie Jebson*.

There were three passengers aboard.

The s.s. *Store Novak* arrived here from Shanghai on Monday afternoon with cable for the Telegraph Company.

Mr. A. R. Marty's s.s. *Huc*, Captain Goodwin, arrived here from Haiphong on one occasion when carrying Vice-Admiral Ching Ching, who was under the command of Commander Chee Fung, the 4th engineer, seven able-bodied seamen, two boys and one stoker and one passenger.

A good lookout was kept on board the *Empress* previous to the collision.

Plaintiffs therefore pray,

1.—That the plaintiffs have judgment against the defendants for the damage occasioned to them by reason of the collision and for costs.

2.—That the bail given by the defendants be in such damages and costs.

3.—That the amount of such damages may be referred to the Registrar for his report.

4.—That the plaintiffs may have such further or other relief as the nature of the case shall require.

Defendants to this petition are the Canadian Pacific Railway and Steamship Company.

6.—After the collision the *Empress of India* stopped at a distance of about two miles from the cruiser and stood by to render assistance.

7.—The cruiser blew her whistle for assistance and the *Empress* sent a boat and subsequently two large boats in which and in the boats of the cruiser 166 out of the officers and crew and five of the passengers were saved.

8.—The pumps of the cruiser were set to work immediately after the collision, but the water gained on them rapidly, and at about 1.50 a.m. on the morning of the 18th August 1903 she heeled over and then sank by the stern carrying down with her Commander Chee Fung, Yes, the 4th engineer, seven able-bodied seamen, two boys and one stoker and one passenger.

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ANSWER.

In answer to said petition the defendants say as follows:

1.—The defendants are the Canadian Pacific Railway Company whereof the head office is at Montreal in the Dominion of Canada. The defendants are the owners of the Royal Mail twin screw steamship *Empress of India*, registered in London of 6,000 tons gross burden, a ship subsidized by the Commissioners of the Admiralty for service as an armed cruiser. At the time of the events hereinbefore mentioned she was on a voyage from Woosung to Hongkong, manned by a crew of 223 hands all told.

2.—On Monday, 17th August 1903, at about 9.45 p.m. the *Empress of India* had just passed the Lamock Islands. The night was dark, the weather was fine, the wind was light, the *Empress of India* was proceeding at a speed of about 14 knots an hour through the water, her regulation lights were duly exhibited and burning brightly and a good lookout was being kept. In these circumstances, those on board observed at a distance ahead of about 8 miles a white light which proved to be the stern light of the *Wong Tai*.

3.—As the *Empress of India* proceeded, the white light gradually opened out on her starboard bow, until as she was about to pass the *Wong Tai* the white light suddenly began to close in and the *Wong Tai* was observed to be turning to port across the course of the *Empress of India*. Immediately thereafter the *Wong Tai*'s red light appeared and she continuing to swing round with great rapidity her port bow struck the starboard side of the *Empress of India* near the break of the forecastle.

4.—The *Wong Tai* was proceeding in a direction divergent from the course of the *Empress of India*, and if she had kept her course and speed the *Empress of India* would have passed her in ample safety at a distance away of quarter of a mile or thereabouts. The collision occurred about 15 miles E. by S. of Breaks Point at about 11.45 p.m.

5.—The *Empress of India* took all proper measures to avoid the collision and to minimise the force and effect of the impact, and to render assistance to the *Wong Tai* afterwards. Immediately when risk arose through the *Wong Tai* changing her course as aforesaid, the *Empress of India*'s helm was put hard a starboard and her port engine was reversed full speed and those on board her, perceiving that collision could only then be avoided by the *Wong Tai* porting, repeatedly hailed her to do so. After the collision the *Empress of India* stood by the *Wong Tai* until she sank at two (2) next morning, and the *Empress of India* remained at the scene of the collision for some hours afterwards.

6.—To those on board the *Empress of India* it is seemed that the *Wong Tai* must have negligently failed to observe, until close thereto, a junk which was on her port bow, and that those on board the *Wong Tai* must have lost all presence of mind. The junk was not in the *Wong Tai*'s way and if she changed her course for the junk, as was necessary, she ought to have ported instead of starboaring.

7.—A good lookout was not kept on the *Wong Tai*.

8.—The *Wong Tai*, though the overtaken vessel, neglected to keep her course.

9.—The *Wong Tai* having starboared her helm as aforesaid, improperly persisted in swinging around to port, though such action rendered the collision certain, and though the collision would have been avoided by the *Wong Tai* porting, repeatedly hailed her to do so. After the collision the *Empress of India* stood by the *Wong Tai* until she sank at two (2) next morning, and the *Empress of India* remained at the scene of the collision for some hours afterwards.

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11.—A good lookout was not kept on the *Wong Tai*.

12.—Both before and after the collision the *Wong Tai* was navigated in a reckless and improper manner.

13.—Those on board the *Wong Tai* neglected to comply with the established practice of seamanship and violated the principles of the general maritime law, and particularly of articles 21 and 29 of the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea."

14.—By reason of the collision damage was suffered by the defendants to an amount exceeding \$50,000.

15.—The collision was not caused or contributed to by any improper conduct on the part of the defendants or their servants; was solely occasioned by the negligent navigation of the *Wong Tai* as herein before shown.

16.—In any event the defendants deny liability in respect of the alleged loss of life on board the *Wong Tai*.

17.—Save as aforesaid the defendants deny all the allegations contained in the petition.

The Registrar of the Court then read the Preliminary Act of the two ships.

His Lordship asked whether the course W. by S. S. mentioned in the petition was magnetic.

Mr. White Cooper said it was magnetic and the difference between magnetic and true course was half a point.

After some further discussion, Mr. Sharp said that in answer 7th in the Preliminary Act the course was true. He did not object to his friend amending the Preliminary Act by inserting the word true.

Immediately after the collision the helm on the cruiser was put hard aport and the engines were stopped. The *Wong Tai* then sheered off to starboard and the *Empress of India* to port striking the cruiser with her starboard propeller and inflicting injuries to her which caused her to sink in about two hours' time after the collision, off Breaker Point position bears N. 52° E. distance 15 miles. The collision occurred at about 11.50 p.m.

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CHAPTER XXI.

NOT TO BE GOT OVER.
"He is," said Augustus to Lady Bottrell a
few days later, "an unscrupulous scoundrel."

"By the police?" his cousin exclaimed, turn-
ing white, since to her, in her present circum-
stances, the very name of the police, or the law,
struck as great a terror in her as would to the
distracting clerk or a dishonest housemaid. "By
the police?"

"Good gracious! You might as well say by
a detective. Why, my dear Rhoda, we want to
catch the fellow; to make him confess and, also,
to make him disgorge. What use would the
police be?"

"Who is watching him then?"

"Some clever people. One is an old college
chum of mine, by name, William Tompkins, by
surname. For stage purposes, Lawrence Va-
rason. Consequently, no one always spoke of
him as Tommy—because it is a small part of his
real name. Another is an old bluejacket whom
my brother George, Commander R.N.—your
cousin who once loved you—is—I did—
commended to me as a handy man. And he is
handy. Very handy."

"Does he, this man, Challis, suspect he is
being watched?"

"I think not. If he had suspected anything
he would have tried to get off before now. But
he has not done so. Therefore we have got
him."

"Can he not escape now?"

"I pity him if he tries. Tom 17 was one of
the best athletes at Bruson's, and Wilkins, late
A.B., and his mate, is a small Sander. While,
if he tries anything in the way of a run,
well, he won't get the best of either of them.
Meanwhile, I myself take a watch in turn, and I am
still young enough to be handy in a scur-
munge."

"I dread a scandal. Above all I dread Ge-
offrey hearing of it."

"Geoffrey ought to hear of it. Geoff—why go
out of your life with this with this secret be-
tween you."

"When it is all over? Ah, Augustus. How
can it ever be all over? How? How? How?
Nothing, not even the bringing of this man to
trial, the forcing of my first husband—if it can
be done—can stop from persecuting me, can
stop from exposing me, can be of any use—of
any avail! It cannot make my poor Mark his law-
ful child."

"No, perhaps not." Augustus said gravely,
and it may be with a vague tone of regret in
his voice. "Not as things are at now, at any
rate. But—"

"But," with a gasp. "But what?"

"But, at any rate, no matter what happens,
Lord et al will have to be told some day."

"That will be as bad as though I were ex-
posed."

"Not if you tell him. Believe me, Rhoda,
not if you tell him all; frankly, honestly."

"When—when shall I have to do it?"

"When I tell you the right moment has
arrived."

Then, suddenly, a piece of luck occurred to
him, by chance: a thing so lucky that, as he
told himself, it was almost incredible.

He was a young lady about to play a sub-
ordinate part in his forthcoming piece whose
principal amusement, he discovered, was to
kodal everything and everybody who came in
her way. He also learnt that she was in the
habit of devoting her Sundays to walking about
the suburbs and country roads, taking snapshots
of pretty old-fashioned houses and striking bits
of scenery, and, when she could get the chance,
buying a or other oddity she happened to en-
counter, and sometimes, as she had once told
Augustus gleefully, she had got a half-penny
from some magazine or other for the reproduc-
tion of her effigies.

Now, Augustus, who fancied he possessed a
habit of going about himself sometimes, and,
one day, he suggested to this young lady,
whose stage name was Mildred Vane, that he
could show her one of the prettiest of rural bits
that she would likely to come across within a
very short distance of London, i.e., at Mortlake.

"There is," he said, "a swish pretty com-
munity back wall of a very antiquated cottage, a
pig and a donkey—and sometimes a pig or two
—at the common, with an enough a soldier
and a slave. Doesn't that excite your artistic
desires?"

"Not from a business point of view," Miss
Vane accepted this tempting invitation
and, had it been less tempting and with
the lunch or dinner left over, she would have
accepted it all the same. For this worldly-wise
young woman was not at all oblivious to the
advantages which a young, and, at present, non-
too-well-known actress, might derive from being
in the good graces of a popular and well-
established dramatist who, w.e. besides, an
extremely agreeable man.

She accepted it therefore, and the photograph
of the cottage and part of the common—includ-
ing the cow, pig, goat, soldier and serving girl—
was obtained much more than once, while, in one of
the pictures something else was observed. This
nothing less than a photograph of Mr. Isa
Challis looking out of the window over the door
in response to a question addressed to him by
Abbie in Wilkins as to whether that was Mr.
Opkins' "one?" Abbie Seaman Wilkins, now
retired from active service, who then and then
about with Augustus Chantrey and Mr.
Vasquez, had left Labourer Cottage under
such an observation for some time now. And
when Wilkins asked for this information, and
kept Ira Challis engaged at the window for
some time in answering further questions as to
where the fabulous Mr. Opkins' "one" might be,
Miss Vane, sheltered from observation by the
high-backed chair of the large twenty yards off,
was engaged in snapshotting that individual's
feet es.

"They will come out all right, I do believe,"
this gifted young lady said that night as a ter-
rific and her companion had bidden to town
and, when she had changed her dress, they had
gone off to a West End restaurant for a
pleasant little dinner. "I do indeed; and, con

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Letters and Post-cards are now received for transmission to Europe via Dalny and the Trade Siberian Railway, and should be marked accordingly. No Printed matter can be accepted. The Rate of Postage by this route will be the same as at present via the Suez Canal.

637 XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCELS (via Gibraltar).—Parcels for the United Kingdom posted before 3 p.m. on Friday, the 26th inst., are due in London about the 26th prox.

The following postage will be collected:—

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7 lbs. " " " " " 11 lbs. " " " " " \$1.50

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All Parcels containing Jewellery, or any article of Gold or Silver, must be Insured, and all Insured Parcels must be sealed. The seals must bear the impression of a private mark.

Senders of Parcels are requested to post them a few days in advance.

The Prince Heinrich with the German Mail of the 13th October, left Singapore on Friday, the 6th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Armand Béhé, with the French Mail of 16th October, left Singapore on Monday, the 9th inst., at midnight and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 16th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 12th September last.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

PER	DATE
Canton	Wednesday, 11th, 7.30 A.M.
Sydney and Ponsonby	Wednesday, 11th, 8.0 A.M.
Quon-glow, Haikow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Wednesday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Wednesday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Pichau and Calcutta	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Victoria B.C.	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Sydney	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Canton	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Nantou	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Santos	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Canton	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Hai Phu	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Wingchau	Wednesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Hankow	Thursday, 12th, 7.30 A.M.
Hanoi	Thursday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Printed Matter and Samples	10.00 A.M.
Registration	10.00 A.M.
(Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 A.M.)	
Letters	11.00 A.M.
Hainan	Thursday, 12th, 11.15 A.M.
Wusong	Thursday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Taoyay	Thursday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Tai Chau	Thursday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Hai Phu	Thursday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Wingchau	Thursday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Kinshau	Friday, 13th, 7.30 A.M.
Ischia	Friday, 13th, 11.00 A.M.
Honou	Friday, 13th, 11.15 A.M.
Chitogaya	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Kowloong	Friday, 13th, 4.00 P.M.
Printed Matter and Samples	4.00 P.M.
Registration	4.00 P.M.
(Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 4.45 P.M.)	
Letters	5.00 P.M.
Lionsong	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Padou	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Tai Chau	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Hai Phu	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Wingchau	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

10th November.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.91

Bank Bills, on demand 1.91

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.91

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.91

Acceptable Bills, 4 months' sight 1.91

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2.27

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.31

ON GENEVA.—

Credit 1.81

ON NEW YORK.—

Credit, 10th, on demand 4.31

Credits, 60 days' sight 4.41

ON BOSTON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.34

Bank, on demand 1.35

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.34

Bank, on demand 1.35

ON SINGAPORE.—

Bank, 60 days' sight 7.11

Private, 30 days' sight 7.21

ON TORONTO.—

Credit, on demand 8.81

ON HONGKONG.—

Credit, on demand Nominal

ON SINGAPORE.—

Credit, on demand 1.09

ON HONGKONG.—

Credit, on demand 1.49

ON SINGAPORE.—

Credit, 10 months' sight 11.10

SOVEREIGN BANK'S BUYING RATE 11.10

GOLD LIB. 100 lbs. per ton 18.50

BAR SILVER per oz. 2.71

VESSELS EXPIRED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Singapore on the 6th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, a.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Armand Béhé* left Singapore on the 6th inst., at midnight, for this port via Saigon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Sherid* leaves from Nagasaki direct to Manila on the 13th inst.

The T.K.K. steamer *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 15th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 3rd inst., a.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Lai Ching* left Calcutta for this port, via the Straits, on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

GERMAN SHIPS.

The C.N. steamer *Changhsia*, from Australia ports, left Manila on the 9th inst., and is due here to-day, p.m.

The Glen Liner steamer *Glenfarie*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 6th inst., a.m., and is due here to-morrow, at day-light.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kinay wa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 9th inst., and is expected here to-morrow, a.m.

The O.S.S. & U.M. steamer *Achilles* left Singapore on the 7th inst., a.m., and is due here to-morrow.

The C.N. steamer *Wuchang* left Ilelo on the 9th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The J.C. Line steamer *Tijatjap* left Macassar on the 3rd inst., and is due here to-morrow.

The A.L. steamer *Chita* left Singapore for this port on the 7th inst.

The P.O. & O. steamer *Albula* left Singapore for the 8th inst., a.m., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

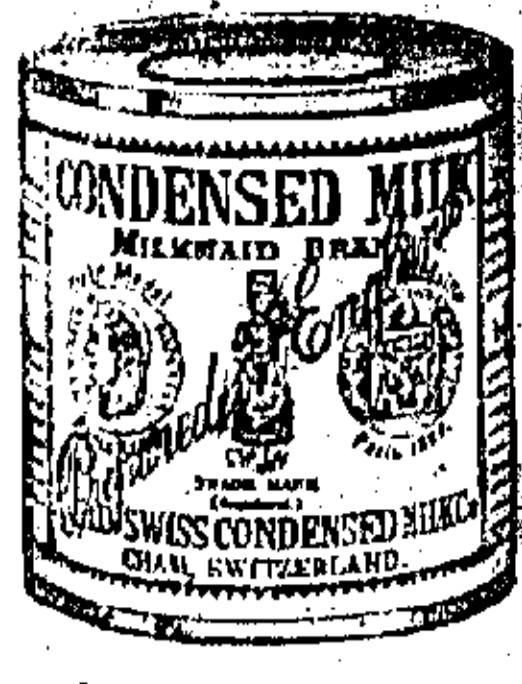
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